WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1	\ 1.	A method of selectively installing software onto a computer system, said method
2	/	comprising:

reading a configuration file that contains computer system information;

determining an encrypted key from one or more bytes from the configuration

\ file;

deciphering data stored on a nonvolatile storage device using the key.

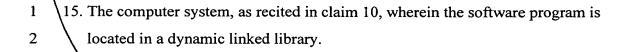
- The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the configuration file includes a
 BIOS/DOS memory file.
- The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the BIOS/DOS memory file is stored
 in nonvolatile memory connected to the computer system.
- 4. The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
 storing the key in a registry file.
- 1 5. The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 copying the deciphered data onto another nonvolatile storage device connected
- 3 to the computer system
- 1 6. The method, as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 checking the authenticity of the key
- 7. The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the reading and the determining are
- 2 performed by a software program stored in a dynamic linked library.
- 8. The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the nonvolatile storage device includes:
- 2 a CD-ROM device; and
- 3 a CD-ROM.

1	The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the nonvolatile storage device stores
2	the data on a Web Page that is accessible on a global computer network.
3	10. A computer system for selectively installing software, said computer system
4	comprising:
5	a processor;
6	nonvolatile memory operatively coupled to the processor;
7	a nonvolatile storage device;
8	one or more configuration files;
9	a computer program executable by the processor, wherein the computer
10	program is capable of reading a configuration file stored in the
11	nonvolatile memory, determining an encrypted key from one or bytes
12	read from the configuration file;
13	wherein the encrypted key is capable of deciphering data stored on the
14	nonvolatile storage device.
1	11. The computer system, as recited in daim 10, wherein the configuration file
2	includes a BIOS/DOS memory file.
1	12. The computer system, as recited in claim 10, further comprising:
2	a second nonvolatile storage device; and
3	a registry file stored on the second nonvolatile storage device;
4	wherein the encrypted key is stored in the registry.
1	13. The computer system, as recited in claim 10, further comprising:
2	a second nonvolatile storage device that stores the deciphered data.
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14. The computer system, as recited in claim 10, wherein the computer software is

further capable of checking the authenticity of the encrypted key.

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- 16. The computer system, as recited in claim 10, wherein the nonvolatile storage device includes:
- a CD-ROM device; and
- 4 a CD_TROM.

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- 17. The computer system, as recited in claim 10, wherein the nonvolatile storage device stores the data on a Web Page that is accessible on a global computer network.
- 1 18. A method of selectively installing software, said method comprising:
- 2 reading a configuration file that contains computer system information;
- determining a key from one or more bytes from the configuration file;
- 4 storing the key in a registry.
- 1 19. The computer readable medium, as recited in claim 18, wherein the configuration 2 file includes a BIOS/DOS memory file.
- 20. A computer readable medium for selectively installing software onto a computer system, the computer readable medium comprising:
- means for reading a configuration file that contains computer system
- 4 information;
- 5 means for determining a key from one or more bytes from the configuration
 6 file;
- 7 means for storing the key in a registry.
- 1 21. The computer readable medium, as recited in claim 0, wherein the configuration 2 file includes a BIOS/DOS memory file.

